



15 January 1976

MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subj: Occupational Safety and Health Administration access
to USS SKIPJACK - ACTION MEMORANDUM

Ref: (a) Secretary of Labor, John T. Dunlop ltr of 22 DEC 75

Encl: (1) Proposed response

Enclosure (1) is forwarded as proposed response to
reference (a).

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J. William Middendorf II
Secretary of the Navy

Concur

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Do not concur _____

Date _____

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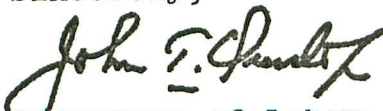
Honorable Donald Rumsfeld
Secretary of Defense
Washington, D.C. 20301

Dear Mr. Secretary:

This is to inform you of an employee complaint received by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA), U.S. Department of Labor, concerning a hazard aboard the USS Skipjack and to request entry aboard the vessel for the purpose of an inspection by a representative of OSHA.

On December 10, a complaint filed under Section 8(f)(1) of the Occupational Safety and Health Act of 1970 was received at the Boston Regional Office of OSHA. The complaint was filed by an employee of the Electric Boat Division of General Dynamics, Inc., alleging imminent danger due to exposure to asbestos fibers aboard the USS Skipjack moored at Groton, Connecticut. On December 12, 1975, Mr. Gerald Scannell, Director, Federal Agency Safety Programs and Ms. Regina Johnson, Special Assistant to Associate Assistant Secretary for Regional Programs, spoke with Mr. Robert Fernau, Special Assistant to the Secretary of the Navy, concerning this complaint and OSHA's desire to inspect the USS Skipjack. Mr. Fernau indicated that the Navy would cooperate with the Labor Department if we would submit such a request in writing. Accordingly, I am requesting that the proper arrangements be made to permit an OSHA inspector with proper clearance to board the vessel to investigate the complaint. Due to the possibility of an imminent danger to the health of the employees exposed to the alleged hazard, I request that this be granted with all possible dispatch.

Sincerely,


Secretary of Labor

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